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From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2015 4:13 PM
To: 'Marie-Christine Maitre de Tarragon'
Subject: RE: Fight against Duke power Foothills project


Dear Marie Christine Maitre,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your email will become a part of ND-2015-20-E - Duke Energy Carolinas: Foothills Transmission and Substation Project- 45-Mile Transmission Line Between Asheville, NC, Power Plant and New Substation Near Campobello, SC, and will be posted on our website under this docket.



Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling
Administrative Coordinator

From: Marie-Christine Maitre de Tarragon [[mailto:](#) 
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2015 10:52 AM
To: PSC_Contact
Subject: Fwd: Fight against Duke power Foothills project

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From: Marie Christine Maitre <
Date: Fri, Jul 31, 2015 at 10:50 AM
Subject: Fight against Duke power .The Foothills project
To: Marie-Christine Maitre de Tarragon <

The carolina Foothills versus Duke power

As our representative you have been elected to protect the land, the people and their best interests. We are requesting your support against Duke Energy's plan to construct 140 ft towers and connecting transmission lines across the Carolina Foothills to Asheville, NC.

The energy source for the planned expansion will come from Duke's aging nuclear reactors, leaving more spent nuclear fuel in our communities without a secure repository for its permanent storage. Ultimately, increasing cargoes of deadly high-level waste will be shipped along South Carolina roads. Regardless of historical lack of accidents during this process, such shipments always present potential opportunities for unanticipated disasters. The MIT Union of Concerned Scientists has criticized the nuclear industry for lack of age management and safe transport planning where their reactors are concerned.

On another level involving community safety, a legal challenge has been filed against Duke's renewal application for their McGuire and Catawba power stations, contending that Duke has failed to address a variety of safety issues, including the ever present danger of an attack from the air by a jumbo jet. It can, and has, happened. The Oconee nuclear plant is facing public concerns over the threat of failure by the Lake Jocassee embankment dam which would inundate the plant, causing a disaster such as occurred at *Fukushima dai ichi*.

Of immediate concern is the threat to local and ultimately state economies constituted. Duke's gigantic towers will slash their way in an outdated method across pristine land where horse farms, agricultural fields, vineyards, orchards and other revenue producing features important to tax bases and quality of life are located. The local economy is based on agro-business. Horse farms and scenic beauty support billions of dollars in tourist dollars and local commercial revenues.

People have migrated to and invested retirement incomes in this area, attracted by international equestrian activities, prime land, scenic beauty and the quality of life all that affords. Defacing the land with Duke's towers and aboveground transmission lines will result in drastically reduced real estate prices and consequential financial distress in the impacted communities. Ironically, the HVL plan brings no direct benefits to the impacted communities in this area.

Please stand with your constituents, and require Duke to utilize 21st century power and transmission technologies everywhere. Also require Duke to utilize renewable modern energy sources and find transmittal corridors which will not negatively impact the environment, local economies and public safety, as the current plan does. We are asking that you make public your support for the organizations resisting Duke's total disregard for the environment and security of your voters in the impacted area. We are also asking that you lead the charge against Duke's intrusion into our communities.

Signed,